

perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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UNITY OF LOVE

There is a famous icon of the Trinity by Rublev in which the three persons of the Trinity are depicted gathered around a table. Each of the figures looks toward the others and while each is painted in different colours each one is difficult to distinguish from the others. Rublev chose this graphic means to depict the uniqueness and unity of the Triune God. Similarly, the New Testament writers sought to express what they understood about the nature of God as Father, Son and Spirit. Each has a particular role in the unfolding of salvation history and yet they are united in a community of love.

For Paul, it is through our faith in Jesus that we are judged to be righteous, a righteousness which comes through his death and resurrection and enables us to look forward to the future glory of God the Father. The Spirit, for his part, has poured the love of God into our hearts. Certainly, Paul would not have claimed to have fully plumbed the depths of God, and yet like other first-generation Christians, he knew that you could not speak about God without coming to terms with God as Father, Son and Spirit.

The unity of Father, Son and Spirit is strongly expressed in the Gospel of John where all that the Father has is also the Son's, and whatever the Spirit will speak to the Church is an expression of what comes from the Father and the Son.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING Prov 8:22-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

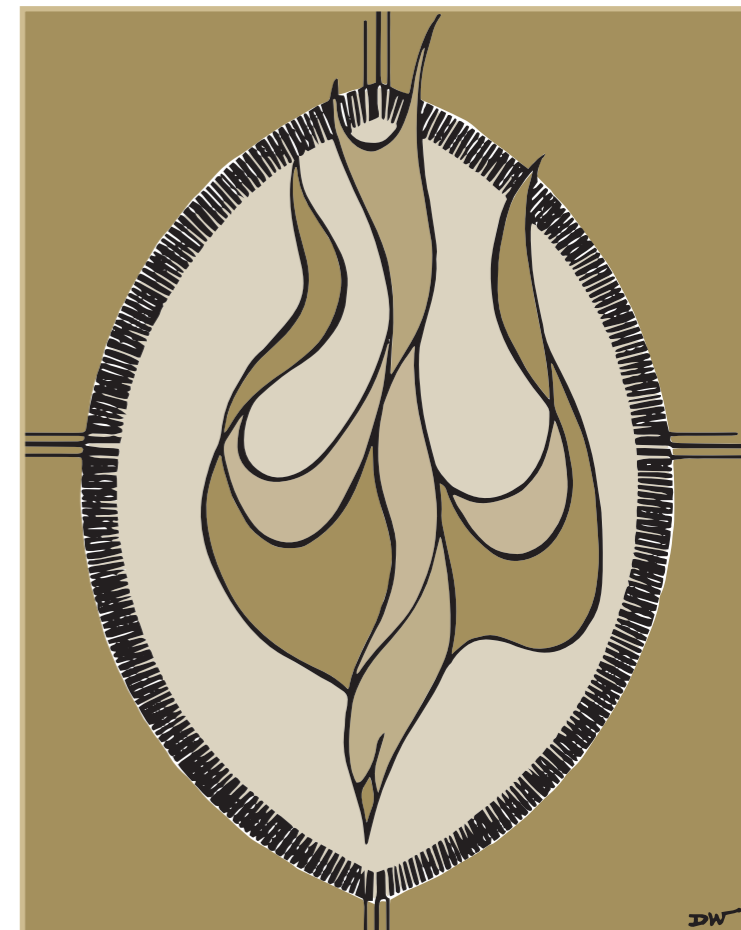
The Wisdom of God cries aloud:
The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,
before the oldest of his works.
From everlasting I was firmly set,
from the beginning, before earth came into being.
The deep was not, when I was born,
there were no springs to gush with water.
Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I came to birth;
before he made the earth, the countryside,
or the first grains of the world's dust.
When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,
when he thickened the clouds above,
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,
when he assigned the sea its boundaries
– and the waters will not invade the shore –
when he laid down the foundations of the earth,
I was by his side, a master craftsman,
delighting him day after day,
ever at play in his presence,
at play everywhere in his world,
delighting to be with the sons of men.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 8:4-9. R v 2

R. O Lord our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, / the moon and the stars which you arranged, / what is man that you should keep him in mind, / mortal man that you care for him? **R.**



2. Yet you have made him little less than a god; / with glory and honour you crowned him, / gave him power over the works of your hand, / put all things under his feet. **R.**

3. All of them, sheep and cattle, / yes, even the savage beasts, / birds of the air, and fish / that make their way through the waters. **R.**

SECOND READING Rom 5:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings

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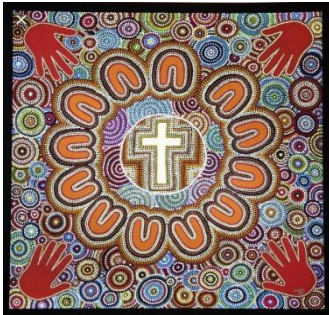
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St Andrew's Wee Waa

Saturday 7pm

Sunday 10.00 am

Wednesday 8.30 am

(Anointing Mass – 1st week of month)

Weeronga Service 4th Tuesday of the Month at 10.30am

St. Joseph's Burren Junction

3rd Sunday – Mass 8:00am

St. Brigid's Pilliga

2nd Sunday– Communion Service 9.00 am

4th Sunday - Mass 8:00am

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Priestly Ordination of Rev Mr Peterpaul Chikezie

All parishioners are invited to attend the priestly Ordination Mass of Rev Mr Peterpaul Chikezie on Wednesday 29th June 11am at Saints Mary & Joseph's Cathedral Armidale. Light refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Torreggiani Room. Please RSVP to the Chancery Office for catering purposes

chancery@armidale.catholic.org.au
or 6771 8700 by Friday 17th June.

HOME MASS

The next home Mass is at Dora's home 133 Mitchell Street 5.30pm
Everyone is welcome

Reflection

In today's world, we tend to think little of these subtle theological distinctions.

To the modern, practical mind, they seem **too theoretical**.

But we should remember that in past ages the Church **defended these truths with her blood**.

- In the first period of Church history, our biggest enemy was the **Roman Empire**, which for three hundred years tried to extinguish Christianity by wave after wave of **violent persecution**.
- But we survived that attack, and eventually Catholicism became the Empire's **dominant religion**.
- When that happened, our biggest enemy changed. Instead of coming from **outside** the Church, it came from the **inside**. The enemy was called **heresy**.
- It was during this period that the first **Church councils** took place.
- Each council met to defend and clarify the **most basic tenets** of our faith, the tenets we still profess every week in the Creed.

The early Church instinctively recognized something that today we rarely even think about: if our **idea about God** is wrong, then our **idea about how to follow God** and achieve our salvation will **also** be wrong.

And so a whole **generation of saints** battled heresy to keep the Catholic idea of God pure.

One of the most famous was **St Athanasius**, the fourth-century bishop of Alexandria in Egypt.

- He fought against the **Arian** heresy, which denied Christ's divinity.
- This heresy **tore** at the heart of the Church for more than 100 years.
- St Athanasius was the **anchor** that supported the pope and held the true faith in place.
- But he **suffered** for it.
- He was **imprisoned, slandered, framed**, and **five times** he was **exiled**.
- He had to hide in the desert to escape being **murdered**.

He endured all of that in order to keep **intact** these "subtle theological distinctions" that the Church is reminding us of today.

The Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia

and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other

and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us. **Amen.**